(d)) whether any steps have been taken to root out corruption from this organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Government had reveived a complaint regarding alleged demand of bribe by an Inspector of New India Assurance Company Limited, New Delhi. The matter was enquired into but the allegations were not substantiated on enquiry.

There were also some other complaints regarding the functioning of the offices of the Company at Allahabad. These complaints were also thoroughly enquired into but could not be substantiated.

(d) There are various inbuilt checks within the organisation like Internal Audit/ Vigilance Department which keep a strict watch on the working of the offices of the Company. Any financial or other irregularities which are either detected or brought to the notice of the management by any source whether from within or outside the Company, are thoroughly enquired and looked into by the concerned department and action taken as per the Company's rules. In addition to this, the Insurance Division of the Ministry of Finance has a system of obtaining quarterly progress reports and an annual pogramme of vigilance action. This involves regular follow up and all efforts are made to ensure that irregularities of any kind or corrupt practices are detected and prompt corrective action and where necessary punitive action, taken.

Raids at the Office and Residential pemises of the Managing Director of SBI

1281. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted at the office and residential premises at Delhi and Bombay of Shri A. S. Puri, Managing Director of the State Bank of India sometime in the month of May, 1986;

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether similar raids were conducted at the residential and office premises of other high ranking bank officials recently; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that it has registered a regular case u/s 120 B1/w5(2)/5(1) (d) of PC Act, 1947, 165 IPC and Sub. Offences u/s 5(2) r/w 5(1) (d) of PC Act, 1947 and 165 IPC against Shri A. S. Puri and others for investigation.

(c) No, Sir.

Management of the Holy Vaishno Devi Shrine

1282. SHRI D. B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have received any complaints about the alleged misappropriation and misuse of assets of a public trust created by the people of Katra Vaishno Devi for the benefits of visitors and pilgrims of Vaishno Devi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Central Government on such complaints;

(c) whether Government propose to take over the control of the Holy Vaishno Devi shrine as a large number of tourists visits the place every year; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Subscriptions, contributions and aid given in foreign exchange by India

1283. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the subscriptions, contributions and aid given in foreign exchange by India during the last three years, showing (i) the names of the Ministry and State Union Territories which dealt with the matter in each case; (ii)the name of the foreign country to which it was given; (iii) the reasons for giving the aid, etc.; (iv) the date on which the foreign exchange was given; (v) the number of cases where such contributions have been discontinued, giving reasons therefor; and (vi) the names of the new parties entertained or accepted during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (i) to(vi) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Import of rubber by STC

1284. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan for importing substantial quantities of rubber by the State Trading Corporation during 1986-87;

(b) if so, what is the target for import of rubber and the price at which rubber is proposed to be imported; and

(c) whether the import of rubber is necessary to meet the requirements of the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Natural rubber is being imported through the STC. The quantum of imports during 1986-87 will depend mainly on the demand-supply gap, which as per present assessment is around 40,000 tonnes. Imports take place at prevailing international market prices.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Arms licence for Bank employees

1285. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the bank employees have been requested to obtain arms licence;

(b) if so, what are the areas in the country where such a scheme has been introduced and when it has been introduced;

(c) what has been the response of the bank employees to the proposal;

(d) whether Government propose to provide them arms at concessional rates; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor and whether this is the main reason for lack of enthusiasm among bank employees in availing of licences for the possession of weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Taking into account the vulnerability of their branches, the banks take steps to post armed guards and to obtain arms licences